

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

August 14, 2023

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister, Jeannine Murphy, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board Treasurer Jan Reimer was absent.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He acknowledged this was an open meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and notice of such was published in the Beatrice Daily Sun and Hebron Journal Register the week of July 30, 2023.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve the minutes of the July 2023 meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator McNiff presented the Treasurer's report for July. Duane Smith moved to approve the July 2023 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$526,028.73; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

Administrator McNiff recommended the Strategic Planning Process discussion be delayed until a later meeting. She has talked with several ESUs regarding the agencies they contracted with to help with their Strategic Planning Process and would like to talk with some of those agencies. No board action required at this time.

New Business

Tim McAllister moved to approve the 2023-2024 Employee Home Base document as presented; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator McNiff explained the temporary delegation of duties during the recovery of Business Manager Jan Reimer who suffered a serious accident on July 31. Hillary Conway, Finance Manager at Tri County Schools, is helping Administrator McNiff with the financial operations of ESU 5 in Jan's absence. Other ESU 5 staff members are helping with other aspects of Jan's position.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff reported that she continues to work on the 2023-24 budget. She will email board members a copy of the proposed budget by August 30. The budget hearing will take place on September 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Administrator McNiff commented on the activity in the state legislature taking place in regard to education and ESUs in particular. A hearing date has not yet been scheduled for Senator Dave Murman's Legislative Resolution 240 on the impact and necessity of Nebraska's educational service units.

The 2023 AESA Conference will be held in Anaheim, CA November 29 – Dec 1, 2023. Board members are encouraged to attend and should contact Administrator McNiff if they plan to do so.

Public Comment

No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.

Adjournment

With no further business, President Smidt adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 11 with the Budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. The Board meeting will follow.



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